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REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application. Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-6, 44-47, 52-53, and 56-59 are pending in the application. Claims 7-43, 48-51, and 54-55 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 5, 6, 44, 45, and 52 have been amended to comply with the rules governing sequence listings and multiple dependent claim format. Support for new claims 56-59 can be found in the claims as originally filed.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter cancelled from the amended claims in this or a subsequent application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this or a subsequent application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6, 44-47, and 52-53. New claims 56-59 should be included within the claims of Group I as they are directed to subject matter of claim 54 which is being presented in new claims to comply with the 37 CFR 1.75(c) rules regarding multiple dependent claim format.

The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter of the application. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims.

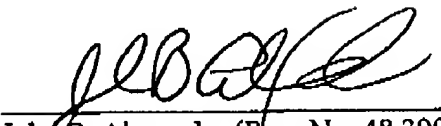
Early consideration of the application and claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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